

(B) the date on which—

(i) the United States first applies the NAFTA to Panama upon its accession to the NAFTA; or

(ii) there enters into force with respect to the United States and Panama a free trade agreement comparable to the NAFTA that makes substantial progress in achieving the negotiating objectives set forth in section 108(b)(5) of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (19 U.S.C. 3317(b)(5)), and that should remain in effect at least until the end of the agreement period.

#### SEC. 5. APPLICABILITY OF BENEFITS.

The tariff treatment under section 4 may be accorded to goods of Panama only during such periods as a designation of Panama as a beneficiary country under the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act is in effect.

#### SEC. 6. CONFORMING AMENDMENT.

Section 213(a)(1) of the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act is amended by inserting "and except as provided in section 4 of the Panama Relations Act of 1998," after "Tax Reform Act of 1986,".

IN TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM MORRIS,  
JR.

**HON. ELTON GALLEGLY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 1998*

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to my friend Bill Morris, Jr., who was recently awarded the prestigious and rare 50 Years of Service plaque from Chevrolet Corp. He is the second of three generations to operate Chevrolet dealerships in Simi Valley-Moorpark, Fillmore and Santa Paula. He also has the distinction of being the second generation holder of a 50-year plaque; his father, Bill Sr., also earned one. His son Jeff is continuing the family business.

If service to motorists of all shapes, sizes and automotive tastes was all Bill Morris had accomplished in the past 50 years, it would be quite a feat. But service is a byword with Bill: service to his business, to his family, and to his community. It is an attitude that helped his business to thrive. Many of his customers are second-generation buyers who bring with them bits of memorabilia or family pictures when they arrive to buy their car.

Bill's father moved his family to Ventura County from the San Fernando Valley in 1929 to open a dealership in Fillmore. Soon thereafter, Bill Sr. opened a second dealership in Moorpark, which eventually moved to Simi Valley. A third location, in Santa Paula, was opened in 1939. The father passed to his son his business savvy and his belief that dedication to your family and community are the responsibilities of a successful man.

Bill Jr. learned that lesson well. He and wife Jean have seven children and 14 grandchildren. Son Jeff is the newest operator of Wm. L. Morris Chevrolet. Bill has been a tireless supporter of our community's youth as continuous sponsor of community Little League teams and, most significantly, through Bill's tremendous involvement with the YMCA. His dedication to the business community earned him the distinguished Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce Businessman of the Year award in 1988.

Bill raised his sons through the YMCA Indian Guide program. In 1984, he initiated the

drive to start a YMCA in Simi Valley and served as the campaign chairman. In 1987, he served as Chairman of the Board for the Southeast Ventura County YMCA, which includes Simi Valley. As the years passed, the Simi Valley YMCA expanded from its initial leased classroom at a local church. The philanthropy now serves 400 children before and after school at 11 school sites, and 500 children and families in the YMCA's Indian program. Countless others participate in teen, Y-camper and grief support programs. When the board decided it needed a central facility, Bill once again stepped to the plate, taking on the chair of "The Time Is Now" capital campaign. Its aim is to build a \$2 million, state-of-the-art, 23,000-square-foot facility with aquatics and fitness centers, a child-watch area, a multipurpose room, meeting rooms, offices and a park. With Bill at the helm, I have no doubt the dream will come true.

Bill was also instrumental in building equestrian trails in Simi Valley and throughout Ventura County. He is honorary Past President of the Ventura Taxpayers Association, a 50-year member of Rotary International and a Paul Harris Fellow of the Rotary Foundation.

His success as an entrepreneur and his willingness to share have helped to generate a successful community.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in recognizing Bill Morris, Jr. for his many years of service to his community through his business and philanthropic prowess.

IN HONOR OF MR. HARRY  
OFFENHARTZ AND THE ELEANOR  
ROOSEVELT TRIBUTE CONCERT

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 1998*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to note a concert commemorating Eleanor Roosevelt's leadership in promoting the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which will celebrate its 50th Anniversary on December 10, 1998. The tribute to Mrs. Roosevelt will feature the world premiere of a cello concerto commissioned especially for the event from the renowned composer Chen Yi and will be performed by the Women's Philharmonic Orchestra in San Francisco at the Herbst Theatre with cello soloist, Paul Tobias. It will be cosponsored by the New Heritage Music Foundation and Amnesty International. Mr. Harry Offenhartz, a good friend of mine, served as President of the New Heritage Music Foundation until his death last July at the age of 93. Mr. Offenhartz worked in the Roosevelt Administration and with Eleanor Roosevelt, and was a tireless advocate for human rights and the cause of the disadvantaged.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to share the upcoming concert with this body, and to thank and honor those who are working to commemorate Mrs. Roosevelt and the Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

IN TRIBUTE TO GENERAL GEORGE  
OLMSTED

**HON. TILLIE K. FOWLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 1998*

Mrs. FOWLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute to a man who lived a long life which was spent wisely and in service to his country. General George Olmsted was 97 years of age when he passed away on October 8th at his home in Arlington, VA. Although I did not have the honor of knowing him personally, I am grateful that General Olmsted's grandson State Senator Locke Burt, a friend and constituent of mine, has brought his life to my attention.

General George Olmsted, was successful entrepreneur, an advocate of education, a decorated war hero, an activist in the Republican party and a leader in his community.

A life-long entrepreneur, George Olmsted's civilian time was spent in the banking and insurance industries. In 1955, he purchased control of International Bank of Washington and in 1959, he purchased Financial General Corporation, the 7th largest bank holding company in the country at the time. Headquarter in Washington, DC, Financial General Corporation controlled interests in 26 banks located in 7 States and the District of Columbia. He helped to bring availability and affordability of products and services to a market battered during the Great Depression and was a champion of the idea of better jobs and opportunities for all people.

As I read a recent Washington Post article about him, I found myself wishing that I had known this retired Army General who was originally from Iowa. A short, but true, story of General Olmsted's actions during World War II may illustrate my point:

At the end of World War II, some 30,000 allied prisoners were being held in Japanese POW camps in China. As the Japanese collapse appeared imminent, the Allies were concerned about the safety of the prisoners, one of which was General Johnathan Wainright, the hero of Bataan.

A resourceful man, General Olmsted went to his commanding officer and proposed a plan. It has been said that his superior told him it was the "craziest scheme" he'd ever heard in the Army and informed him that they were already readying court-martial charges against him if his plan failed.

But, because of the lack of troops to send in, or the planes to carry them out immediately, they went ahead with the General's plan. First they dropped leaflets by aircraft on each of the 11 camps immediately after the surrender. Then, a team of seven unarmed men were to parachute into each camp carrying with them letters stating that the war was over and that the allied powers know how many prisoners were in each camp and would hold each camp commander personally responsible for the safety of those prisoners.

Far from being court-martialed, General Olmsted's ideas saved the prisoner's lives and his valor did not go unnoticed. He not only received the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star from the United States, but was awarded the Legion of Honor from France, was made an Honorary Commander of the Order of the British Empire